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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Future of USIB Security Committee

1. At the request of [ ] of your staff, as Acting CIA Member of the USIB Security Committee, I was asked for our comments with reference to the future of that committee in the light of the reorganization of the Intelligence Community by Executive Order 11905.

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2. In satisfaction of this request, I would offer the following observations which represent my own views developed in consultation with several members of the Office of Security who have been associated with Security Committee activities during the past ten years.

3. Is There a Requirement for a Security Committee? Acknowledging the Director's responsibility for ensuring the formulation and promulgation of security policies to protect intelligence sources, methods, and products, we are firmly convinced that a continued need for a Security Committee exists. We do not believe that realistic policy for the Community as a whole can be developed without regular meetings of senior security representatives of the several foreign intelligence agencies.

4. Where Should the Community Security Responsibility Be Assigned? In order to satisfy the staff support needs in the security policy area for the DCI, we not only acknowledge the need for a Security Committee but of a chairman of such a committee who would concurrently serve full-time as the senior security advisor to the DCI on Community matters. We have considered from an organizational standpoint several options as to where this senior security advisor would fit into the picture including: (a) As an Assistant reporting directly to the DCI; (b) As a member of the senior staff of the Deputy for the Intelligence Community (thereby a member of the IC Staff); and (c) As the Director of Security of CIA concurrently serving as senior advisor to the DCI.

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5. We believe that the most advantageous and effective way this individual would function is as an Assistant reporting directly to the DCI and functioning through a Security Committee composed of senior representatives of the security elements of the foreign intelligence agencies. Senior participation in this Security Committee is an absolute requirement and predicates supergrade, General officer, or flag rank representation from the several agencies. This requirement is acute to ensure that the security representatives of the several agencies can speak for their principals in the policy deliberations of the Committee.

6. Staff Support: It is acknowledged that an Assistant to the DCI on Community Security matters concurrently serving as Chairman of a Security Committee would require a small staff to assist him in his function. In addition, he should be able to enlist the assistance of the security components of the several foreign intelligence agencies as they may have expertise in addressing specific problems and issues. While, as heretofore, this may involve more support from the CIA/DDA than other agencies, the provision of such staff support should by no means be limited to the Office of Security/CIA.

7. Incumbency: As mentioned above, we view the position of Assistant to the DCI on Community Security matters as a full-time job, requiring incumbency by a very senior and experienced security professional. We believe that the Office of Security/CIA has the greatest depth and breadth of experience in this area to be found in the Community. For this reason, coupled with acknowledgment that the senior security advisor would necessarily work in close consultation with the Director of Security/CIA, we feel it essential that the position be filled from the professional Security ranks of this Agency. At the same time, we feel equally strong that this senior security advisor and Chairman of the Security Committee not concurrently serve to manage the day to day operations of the Office of Security/CIA. / ?

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